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WELL, NOW YOU SHALL HEAR DR. HAUNT CLEARLY AS I TELL MY BLOOD-CHILLING TALES,' AND MY FIRST TALE IS OF A MAN HAUNTED BY AN UNQUENCHABLE FIRE WITHIN HIM.' I CALL IT...
'HE SHALL HAVE VENGEANCE'

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I'LL GET HIM, I'LL GET WHOEVER KILLED PHIL... IF IT'S THE LAST THING I DO.'
THE DAWN HAS JUST BEGUN TO SPLINTER NIGHT'S DARKNESS WITH NARROW STREAKS OF GREY.' BUT HIS HEART REMAINS COAL-BLACK WITH RAGE...
I'LL GET HIM... I'LL GET HIM.'
AND NOW, WITH MORNING BREAKING ALL ABOUT HIM, HE ENTERS PLAINVILLE AT LAST.' PLAINVILLE, THE TOWN THAT WAS HIS HOME BEFORE THE TERRIBLE TRAGEDY...
EVERYBODY'S STILL ASLEEP.' EVERYBODY EXCEPT GUS OVER AT THE RAILROAD STATION.' GUS WILL TALK.' HE WAS ALWAYS A FRIEND OF MINE.'
PL
GUS.'
BE WITH YOU IN A MINUTE.'
GUS, YOU HAVE TO ANSWER MY QUESTIONS.' YOU HAVE TO HELP ME, GUS.'
BE GLAD TO...
DAVE.' NO.' NO.'
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GUS KNOWS WHO KILLED PHIL! HE'S COVERING UP FOR SOMEBODY! THAT'S WHY HE RAN AWAY! NO USE CHASING HIM! BEEN WALKING TOO LONG WITHOUT FOOD! COULDN'T RUN FAST ENOUGH TO CATCH HIM!
THERE'S MORT! I FORGOT ALL ABOUT MORT! BUT THERE HE IS, DELIVERING MILK EARLY IN THE MORNING, JUST THE WAY HE ALWAYS DID!
I'M NOT TAKING ANY CHANCES ON MORT RUNNING AWAY! I'LL SNEAK UP ON HIM... GRAB HIM!
MORT! GASP!
MORT, I'VE COME BACK! AREN'T YOU GLAD TO SEE ME? I'M BEEN SICK... BUT I'M BACK NOW! MORT, WHY DIDN'T ANYONE TELL ME THAT PHIL WAS KILLED?
EVERYBODY IN PLAINVILLE KNOWS THAT PHIL WAS MY BEST FRIEND! WHY DID I HAVE TO READ ABOUT HIS MURDER IN A BACK ISSUE OF A NEWSPAPER AT THE HOSPITAL? WHY, MORT, WHY?
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I...I DON'T KNOW, DANE! I JUST DON'T KNOW.'
YOU'RE LYING.'

YOU WOULDN'T BE SHAKING THIS WAY IF YOU DIDN'T KNOW.' COLD SWEAT WOULDN'T BE RUNNING DOWN YOUR FACE! YOU KNOW ALL RIGHT, MORT.'

AND YOU'RE GOING TO TELL ME! IF YOU DON'T. I SWEAR I'LL...

I GOT HIM.'

LET GO OF ME.' LET GO.'
HOLD HIM TIGHT! WE'VE GOT THE NEW DOCTOR WITH US.' HE'LL QUIET HIM DOWN.'

HE'S ASLEEP NOW.' LAY HIM DOWN...AND THEN TALK FAST.' I WANT TO KNOW WHAT THIS IS ALL ABOUT.'

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That's right! You MUST agree that the legend is absolutely true — that The BUDDHA actually brings you money by rubbing his belly — or *I'll pay you* for your time and trouble GUARANTEED!

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SEND FOR YOUR BUDDHA AT ONCE WITHOUT RISK!

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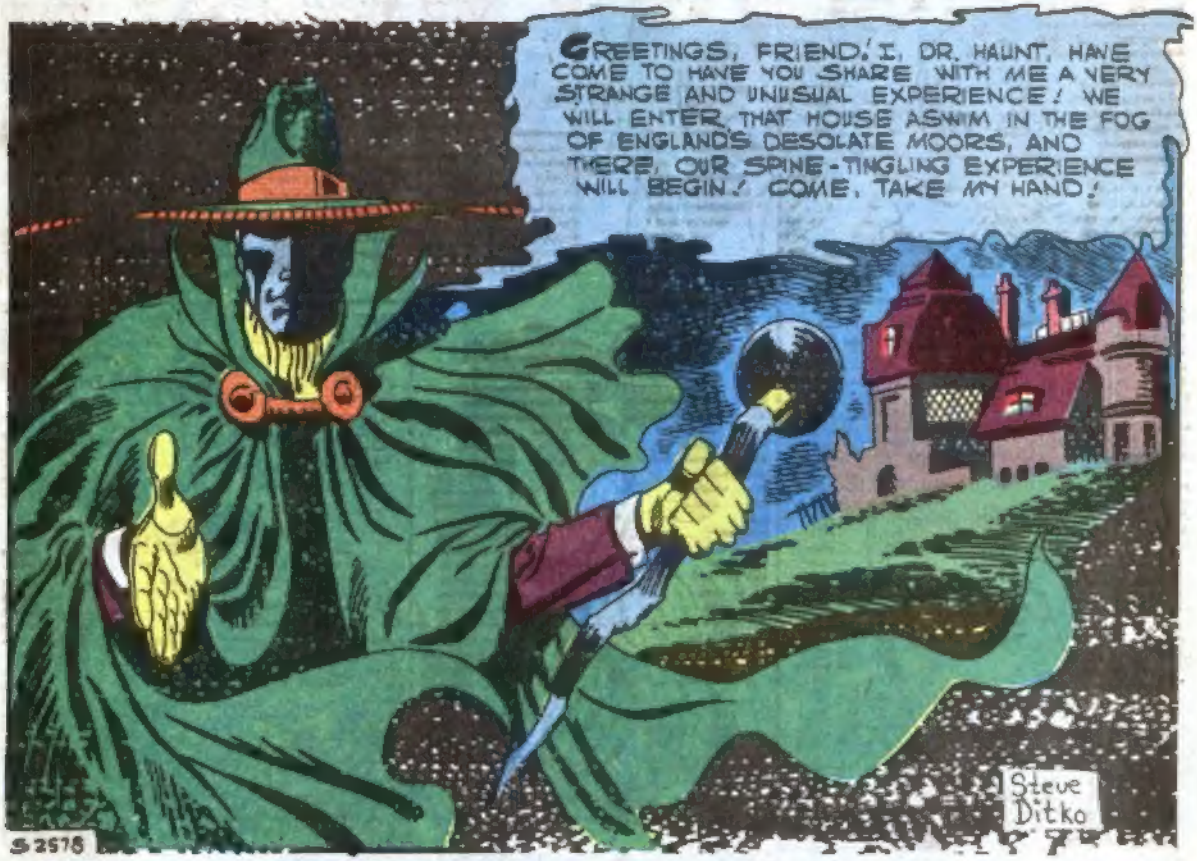
MCMLXXXI The BUDDHA

THIS HAPPENED BEFORE YOU CAME TO PLAINVILLE, DOCTOR!
DAVE AND PHIL HAD BEEN THE BEST OF FRIENDS EVER SINCE THEY WERE KIDS!
THEY WERE ALWAYS SPARRING AROUND TOGETHER, EVEN AFTER THEY WERE FULL GROWN! IT WAS ONLY IN FUN... BUT ONE DAY DAVE CAME UP WITH A KNOCKOUT PUNCH THAT SLAMMED PHIL'S HEAD SO HARD AGAINST THE WALL, THAT PHIL NEVER GOT UP..
DAVE WAS SO SHOCKED, HIS MIND CRACKED RIGHT ON THE SPOT! HE BLANKED OUT... DIDN'T EVEN KNOW WHO HE WAS...
WE SENT HIM AWAY TO THAT MENTAL HOSPITAL! AND WE TRIED TO HUSH UP THE STORY! BUT IT LEAKED OUT TO SOME OF THE CITY NEWSPAPERS, AND THEY WROTE IT UP AS IF PHIL HAD BEEN MURDERED BY SOMEONE UNKNOWN!
DAVE MUST'VE COME ACROSS ONE OF THOSE OLD NEWSPAPERS! GUESS IT BROUGHT PART OF HIS MEMORY BACK! AND SO HE ESCAPED AND CAME HERE!
POOR DAVE DIDN'T REMEMBER ENOUGH TO KNOW THAT THE MAN HE WAS AFTER...
...WAS HIMSELF!
POOR DAVE, INDEED! BUT HIS MIND IS MERCIFULLY BLANK AGAIN! AND WITH THE HELP OF THE DOCTORS AT THE HOSPITAL, HE SHALL RECOVER! AND SO, AS LONG AS THIS TALE LINGERS IN YOUR MEMORY... ONLY YOU SHALL BE HAUNTED!
END

The SECOND SELF


GREETINGS, FRIEND! I, DR. HAUNT, HAVE COME TO HAVE YOU SHARE WITH ME A VERY STRANGE AND UNUSUAL EXPERIENCE! WE WILL ENTER THAT HOUSE ASWIM IN THE FOG OF ENGLAND'S DESOLATE MOORS, AND THERE, OUR SPINE-TINGLING EXPERIENCE WILL BEGIN! COME, TAKE MY HAND!
Steve Ditko
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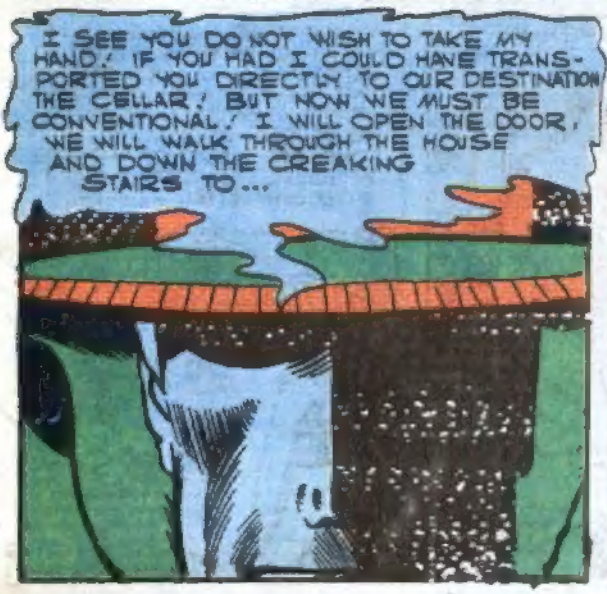
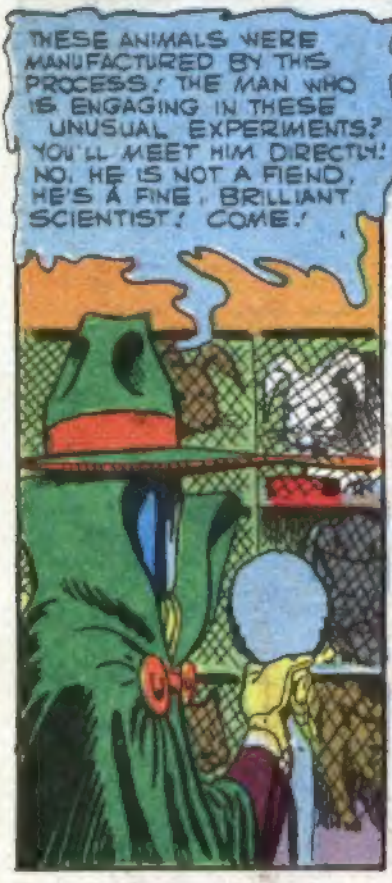

I SEE YOU DO NOT WISH TO TAKE MY HAND! IF YOU HAD I COULD HAVE TRANSPORTED YOU DIRECTLY TO OUR DESTINATION THE CELLAR! BUT NOW WE MUST BE CONVENTIONAL! I WILL OPEN THE DOOR, WE WILL WALK THROUGH THE HOUSE AND DOWN THE CREAKING STAIRS TO...

...THE CELLAR! A LABORATORY... STRANGE AND FANTASTIC FOR EVEN A LABORATORY, ISN'T IT? BUT HERE, A FAMOUS SCIENTIST EXPERIMENTS WITH SCIENTIFIC SORCERY IN THE MOST DEVILISHLY BRILLIANT EXPERIMENT MAN HAS EVER KNOWN!

INTERESTED? GOOD! LET ME EXPLAIN AND YOU'LL BE EVEN MORE INTERESTED! YOU SEE, LIVING CELLS ARE UNSPECIALIZED! THE BEGINNING OF ALL LIFE IS A DIVISION OF CELLS INTO MORE AND MORE CELLS! AND AS THE CELLS DIVIDE THEY SPECIALIZE...

...THAT IS WHAT'S HAPPENING HERE! THE SCIENTIST I SPOKE OF HAS FOUND A SOLUTION WHICH WILL RECREATE LIFE FROM ANY LIVING CELL, GROWING IT UNTIL IT DIVIDES INTO SPECIALIZED CELLS, CELLS THAT FORM BRAINS, MUSCLES, INTESTINES...

A BIT OF TISSUE, A MICROSCOPIC PIECE OF FLESH TAKEN FROM YOUR FOREARM, AND PUT IN THIS SOLUTION WILL DIVIDE INTO MORE CELLS AND, NOT JUST FOREARM CELLS, BUT VARIED SPECIALIZED CELLS! OH, YOU UNDERSTAND? GOOD! NOW FOLLOW ME!


THESE ANIMALS WERE MANUFACTURED BY THIS PROCESS! THE MAN WHO IS ENGAGING IN THESE UNUSUAL EXPERIMENTS? YOU'LL MEET HIM DIRECTLY! NO, HE IS NOT A FIEND, HE'S A FINE, BRILLIANT SCIENTIST! COME!

THERE IS THE MAN, PROFESSOR MACKLIN FORREST! HE IS VISITING HIS GOOD FRIEND! DR. JIM PRENTISS...
MACK, I'LL BE BLUNT! YOUR HEART IS IN BAD SHAPE, OLD CHAP!

YOU'VE GOT TO TAKE IT EASIER, NOT DRIVE YOURSELF AS YOU'VE BEEN DOING! I KNOW THIS EXPERIMENT OF YOURS, WHATEVER IT IS, PRESSES YOU, BUT YOU CAN'T GO ON THIS WAY! A MAN CAN GO TOO FAR, YOU KNOW!
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THE MOST IMPORTANT EX-PERIMENT MANKIND HAS EVER ATTEMPTED AND I'M TOLD TO SLOW DOWN... LIVE NORMALLY! I'VE GOT TO GO ON WITH THE EXPERIMENT!
MACKLIN FORREST IS DEEP IN THOUGHT. HE'S BRINGING ALL THE BRILLIANT GENIUS OF HIS MIND TO HIS PROBLEM! CERTAINLY A MAN LIKE HIM SHOULD BE ABLE TO FIND AN ANSWER, EH?
THE LIVING CELLS... SPECIALIZATION! I'VE DONE IT SUCCESSFULLY WITH LAB ANIMALS. WHY NOT WITH MAN? IF I CAN GROW A SECOND SELF, A DUPLICATE OF MYSELF THAT CAN CARRY ON THE EXPERIMENTS WHILE I REST AND GIVE THIS BAD HEART OF MINE A CHANCE...
I DIDN'T WANT TO GO THIS FAR FOR A LONG TIME! THERE ARE TOO MANY QUESTIONS AS YET UNANSWERED! BUT I HAVE NO CHOICE! I MUST NOT DIE UNTIL THE EXPERIMENT IS COMPLETED! THEN I CAN TAKE OVER AGAIN!
FORREST IS NOT A MAN TO LET THE GRASS GROW OVER HIS GRAVE... OR IS IT UNDER HIS FEET? AT ANY RATE HE BEGINS THIS NEW PHASE OF HIS EXPERIMENT IMMEDIATELY!
HE PUTS THE BIT OF LIVING TISSUE IN THE SOLUTION! HE WILL ATTEMPT WHAT NO MAN HAS BEFORE... TO CREATE A LIVING HUMAN, A SECOND SELF!
A SMALL SPOT, A TINY BIT OF FLESH... AN UNSPECIALIZED CELL...
PERHAPS I'M MAKING A MISTAKE! I DON'T YET KNOW ENOUGH... NO, I'VE COMMITTED MYSELF AND I'M GOING THROUGH WITH IT!

IMPATIENT? HA, I KNEW YOU WOULD BE! WATCH. I SHALL DRAW AWAY THE VEIL OF TIME, JUST A BIT OF DR. HAUNT'S LEGEDERMAIN! NOW... IT IS TWO WEEKS LATER...
IT'S GROWING WELL! GROWTH WILL BE EVEN MORE RAPID IN THE NEXT WEEK...
ANOTHER WEEK HAS PASSED! THE EXPERIMENT SO FAR HAS BEEN A COMPLETE SUCCESS... SO FAR! THE BODY HAS FORMED, COMPLETE, AN EXACT REPLICA OF MACKLIN FORREST!
IT'S BEGINNING TO OPEN IT'S EYES... MOVING...
IT RISES, AND STANDS BEFORE HIM!---
IT...IT'S LIKE LOOKING INTO A MIRROR! PERFECT! BUT THERE'S SOMETHING ODD..SOMETHING DIFFERENT...
AND NOW IT WALKS TOWARDS HIM...
IT'S THE EYES! SOMETHING IN THE EYES... OR SOMETHING MISSING! IT... IT'S MENACING...
THERE CANNOT BE TWO OF US! ONLY ONE! NOT TWO!
IT'S HIS OWN VOICE...ISSUING FROM HIS OTHER SELF! BUT THERE'S COLDNESS IN THE VOICE...THERE'S MENACE IN THAT VOICE...
I KNOW WHAT IT IS! IT'S ME! BUT IT'S DIFFERENT, DIFFERENT FROM ANY REAL HUMAN! IT IS SOULLESS, COLDLY CONSCIENCELESS, AN ANIMATED, LIVING, BREATHING MACHINE, THINKING WITH MY BRAIN...
BUT THERE CAN ONLY BE ONE. NOT TWO OF US!
I...I CAN'T ATTEMPT TO DESTROY IT WOULD BE LIKE... LIKE KILLING MYSELF! I MUST GET HELP!
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NUMBER PLEASE?
NO! ARRGHH!
A SMALL VOICE IN THE BACK OF MACKLIN'S BRAIN WHISPERS, "THIS IS THE END!"
THE HANDS... THEY'RE SLIPPING AWAY...
THE SYNTHETIC HUMAN SCREAMS, FALLS, WRITHES ON THE FLOOR, IT STIFFENS AND ALL MOVEMENT CEASES...
IT... IT'S DEAD!
IT IS BEGINNING TO DISSOLVE. SEE? BECOMING FORMLESS WITH EVEN GREATER RAPIDITY THAN IT FORMED. AND MACKLIN? LOOK AT HIM! ALREADY THAT SCIENTIFIC BRAIN HAS FORGOTTEN TERROR AND IS SEEKING ANSWERS!
AN EXACT REPLICA OF ME, PHYSICALLY... EVEN TO THE BAD HEART! THAT'S WHAT KILLED IT... MY BAD HEART!
BUT IT DIDN'T HAVE THE SOUL, THE WILL, TO SUSTAIN IT UNDER THE STRESS AS I HAVE, AS A REAL HUMAN HAS! AND SO, IT DIED OF IT'S OWN SHORTCOMINGS!
WHAT WAS IT JIM SAID AFTER HE EXAMINED ME? "A MAN CAN GO TOO FAR"! I DID! I TRIED TO CREATE LIFE. BUT NOW I KNOW THAT THERE IS MORE TO LIFE THAN JUST ANIMATION AND PHYSICAL APPEARANCE! TO CREATE LIFE, TRUE LIFE, WILL ALWAYS BE BEYOND THE ABILITY OF MERE MAN!
OH, YOU'RE GOING? YOU FEEL SLIGHTLY...? TCH TCH. BUT DON'T GO TOO FAR! I WANT YOU TO REJOIN ME AGAIN... REAL SOON!
END

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The man who DISAPPEARED

THE YOUNG MAN YOU SEE WALKING DOWN THE HALL IS, LANCE CABOT ' HE HAS A STRANGE STORY TO TELL ' BEYOND THIS HALL ARE OTHER LONG HALLS FOR THIS MAN STRETCHING OUT FURTHER AND FURTHER AND NARROWING TOWARD IN-FINITY ' WHERE THEY END NO ONE CAN GUESS NOT EVEN I DR HAUNT ' COME LET US FOLLOW HIM AND LISTEN TO HIS TALE ...
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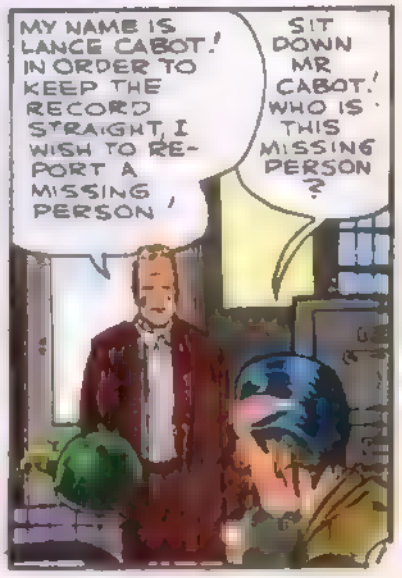
MY NAME IS LANCE CABOT ! IN ORDER TO KEEP THE RECORD STRAIGHT, I WISH TO RE-PORT A MISSING PERSON '
SIT DOWN MR CABOT ! WHO IS THIS MISSING PERSON ?

ME!
ONE WORD, YET SHOCKING! CAPTAIN SPENCE LOOKS CLOSELY AT THE MAN: HE SEES A SERIOUS FELLOW, CLEAN, WELL DRESSED BUT-- WEARING CLOTHES SEVERAL SIZES TOO LARGE ---
WELL, MR. CABOT! THIS IS ODD TO SAY THE LEAST!
CAPTAIN, LET ME EXPLAIN AND THEN YOU'LL UNDERSTAND IT!
FIRST LET ME ASK--HAVE YOU EVER HEARD THE THEORY THAT THERE ARE WORLDS WITHIN WORLDS? WE KNOW THAT SIZE IS RELATIVE, SO COULDN'T EVERY GRAIN OF DUST, EVERY MOLECULE BE A WORLD IN ITSELF?
FROM OTHER LIPS ON ANY OTHER OCCASION, THE CAPTAIN WOULD BELIEVE HE WAS DEALING WITH A PSYCHO! BUT CABOT WAS SO EARNEST, HE KNEW THERE WAS REASON BEHIND THE QUESTION!
OF COURSE! BUT I NEVER GAVE IT MUCH THOUGHT! DOES IT HAVE ANYTHING TO DO WITH YOUR COMING HERE!
YES! IT HAS A GREAT DEAL TO DO WITH EVERYTHING!
GO ON WITH YOUR STORY, MR. CABOT! I'LL FILL OUT THIS FORM WHILE YOU TALK! BUT WAIT--IF YOU DON'T MIND, IT WILL ONLY TAKE A MOMENT TO GET A RECORDER!
I'LL WAIT!
THE CAPTAIN RETURNS WITH THE RECORDER AND IT SEEMS TO HIM THAT SUIT THE YOUNG MAN IS WEARING IS EVEN LARGER THAN WHEN HE FIRST APPEARED!
ALL RIGHT, NOW! SHALL WE CONTINUE?
I'M A STUDENT AT THE STATE UNIVERSITY! I'M MAJORING IN CHEMISTRY! I'D BEEN STUDYING VERY HARD FOR THE FINAL EXAMS AND HAD LITTLE SLEEP! TWO DAYS AGO ---
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And nobody will even have the faintest idea that you're behind it all. That's the beauty of "Automatic Mind-Command"—you are the only one who knows what's going on—you alone decide when things should start . . . stop . . . change around.

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Impossible? You'll be doing things like that every day without even thinking about it. As soon as you need something done, it's done! The people who do these things for you will remember what they did, but not why.

FUN POWER—TOO!

You can have a lot of fun with this power, too. Look how Evelyn C used it at work . . . One day while sorting papers, her boss angrily inquired why she had to make so much noise and scolded her in front of everybody. Evelyn said nothing but smiled to herself—for she had just turned on the "Automatic Mind-Command." Suddenly the boss apologized for being a scoundrel. "Please . . . I'm sorry," he said in front of everybody. "I'd like to make it up to you!" And he told her what a wonderful person she was. When Evelyn turned the power off the boss just stood there with an open mouth, wondering what made him say all those things.

Think what this power can mean in your life. You need money . . . and it's there. You want some affection . . . you'll be smothered. You want peace and quiet . . . the world stands still.

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People who think they can hold back the facts will meet their master in you! You just fire a little "Automatic Mind-Command" at them and they'll sing like meadowlarks. Noon J. was at his wits' end when she tried to find the money she'd put aside to pay the rent—it was gone! A frantic search through the house turned up nothing. There was only one possibility left . . . she asked Billy. A look of surprise crossed his face. "No—the radio's been my money. But Nonie didn't believe him, and started using "Automatic Mind Command" to find out if he was telling the truth. Suddenly Billy reached into his pocket and took out a roll of money. After giving her the money he acted as if nothing had happened!

Think how many secrets must be hidden all around you! Things your spouse won't tell . . . your neighbors won't say . . . your boss keeps quiet about . . . "ALL BROUGHT INTO THE OPEN JUST FOR YOU." They'll tell you all their secrets, but they won't know why.

Hold on now, because I haven't told you yet about the best part of "Automatic Mind-Command."

You may have to bolt your door to keep people from overwhelming you with love, gifts, favors, rewards! Perfect strangers will be walking up to you and asking, "How are you? Can I do anything for you?" They will never suspect that "Automatic Mind-Command" is making them do this for you, please you . . . and automatically want to help you.

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Larry S. wanted to see his girlfriend—although he had no idea where she was and no way of contacting her by letter or phone. From far away he began using "Automatic Mind-Command!" In that instant, his girlfriend knew what she had to do. She dropped what she was doing, excused herself and hurried to visit him. Arriving in record time—she hugged and kissed him, explaining that "something" told her he wanted and needed her, and what could she do for him!

Now here's a most fantastic use of "Automatic Mind-Command"—one I'm sure you'll agree proves that here is a power which stagger[illegible]

For example, cases of health-problems relieved with "Automatic Mind-Command!" John C. reports that his hearing now seems normal again! Warren W.'s blurred eyesight cleared, sharpened, and now seems normal! Lydia E. says her arthritic symptoms of soreness and stiffness in the fingers were relieved when nothing else seemed to help, and Mrs. M. S. was surprised when her leg pain disappeared. Bella S., who complained of "ulcerative colitis" with stomach cramps and diarrhea, obtained fast relief. And others report relief from complaints of high blood pressure, heart symptoms, "migraine" headaches, weakness, dizziness, fatigue, and more.

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Sincerely yours,

Scott Reed

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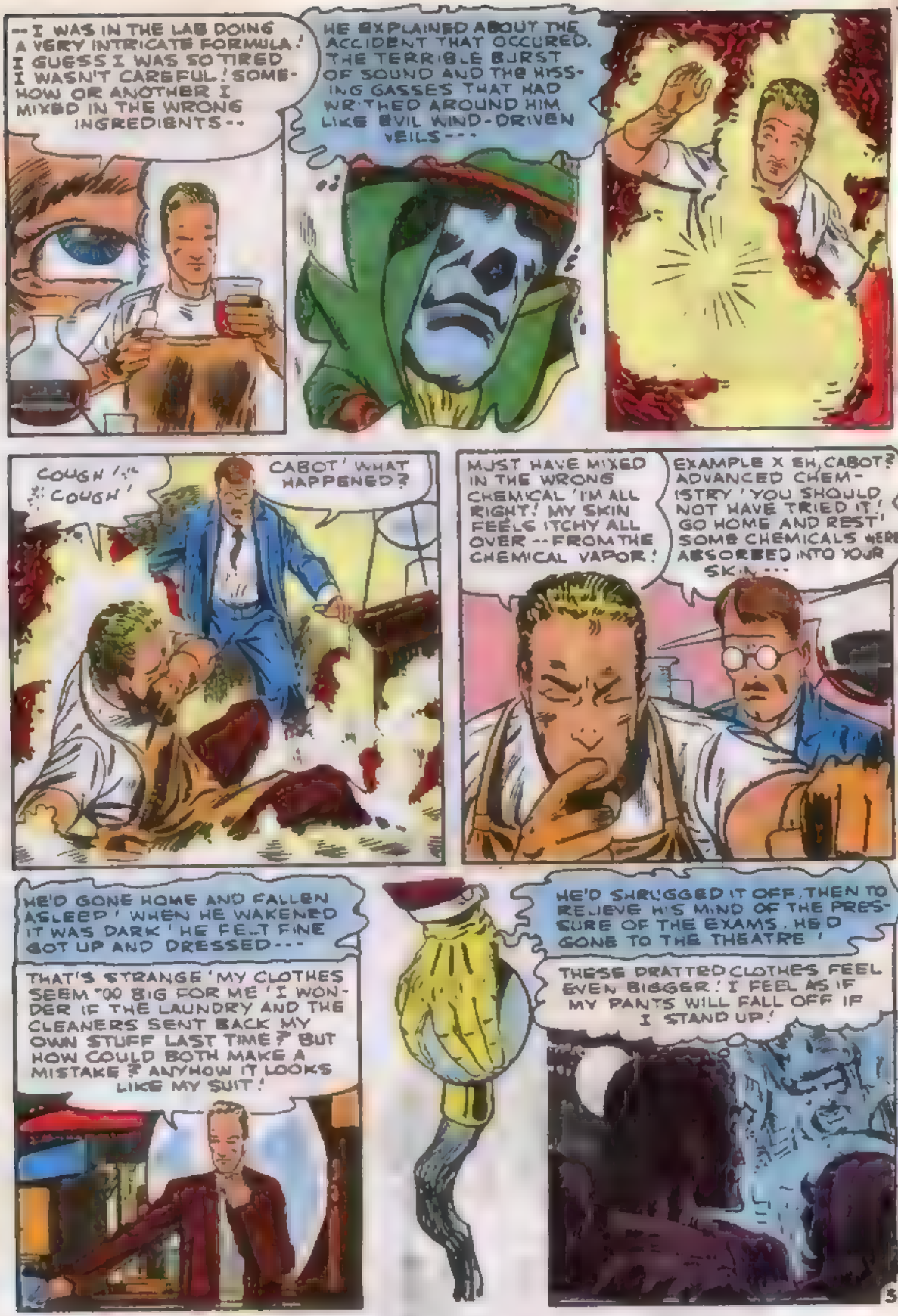
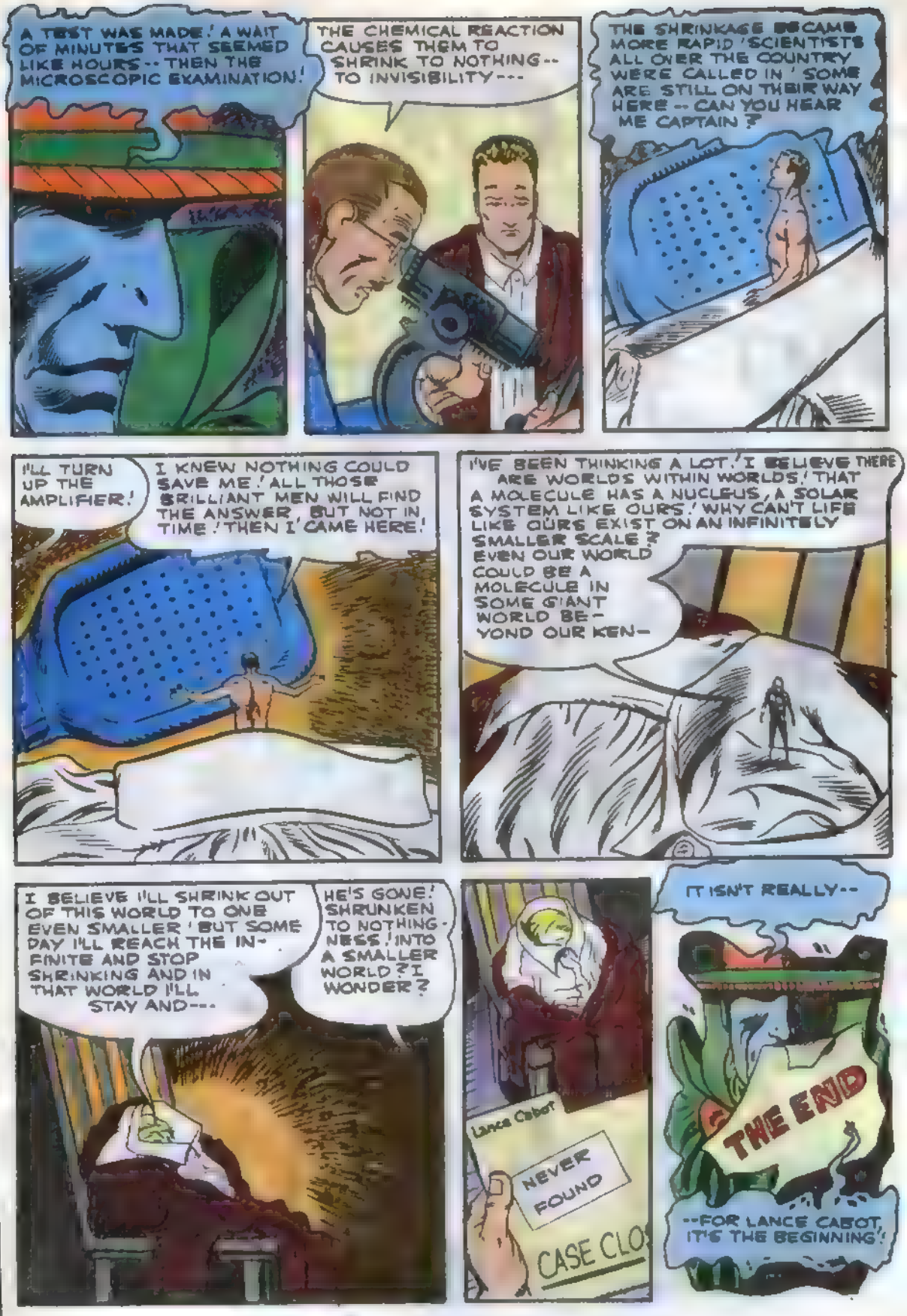

--I WAS IN THE LAB DOING A VERY INTRICATE FORMULA! I GUESS I WAS SO TIRED I WASN'T CAREFUL! SOMEHOW OR ANOTHER I MIXED IN THE WRONG INGREDIENTS--
HE EXPLAINED ABOUT THE ACCIDENT THAT OCCURED. THE TERRIBLE BURST OF SOUND AND THE HISSING GASSES THAT HAD WRITHED AROUND HIM LIKE EVIL WIND-DRIVEN VEILS---
COUGH! COUGH!
CABOT! WHAT HAPPENED?
MUST HAVE MIXED IN THE WRONG CHEMICAL! I'M ALL RIGHT! MY SKIN FEELS ITCHY ALL OVER--FROM THE CHEMICAL VAPOR!
EXAMPLE X EH, CABOT? ADVANCED CHEMISTRY! YOU SHOULD NOT HAVE TRIED IT! GO HOME AND REST! SOME CHEMICALS WERE ABSORBED INTO YOUR SKIN...
HE'D GONE HOME AND FALLEN ASLEEP! WHEN HE WAKENED IT WAS DARK! HE FELT FINE GOT UP AND DRESSED---
THAT'S STRANGE! MY CLOTHES SEEM TOO BIG FOR ME! I WONDER IF THE LAUNDRY AND THE CLEANERS SENT BACK MY OWN STUFF LAST TIME? BUT HOW COULD BOTH MAKE A MISTAKE? ANYHOW IT LOOKS LIKE MY SUIT!
HE'D SHRUGGED IT OFF, THEN TO RELIEVE HIS MIND OF THE PRESSURE OF THE EXAMS, HE'D GONE TO THE THEATRE!
THESE DRATTED CLOTHES FEEL EVEN BIGGER! I FEEL AS IF MY PANTS WILL FALL OFF IF I STAND UP!

AND SUDDENLY, HE REALIZED THE TRUTH ---
IT'S NOT THE CLOTHES! IT'S ME-- I'M SHRINKING! GETTING SMALLER EVERY MINUTE!
HE RUSHED BACK TO HIS ROOM! IN HIS CLOSET HE HAD CLOTHES HE HAD OUTGROWN! EVEN THEY WERE TOO LARGE FOR HIM!
WHATEVER IS HAPPENING TO ME MUST BE CAUSED BY THE ACCIDENT IN THE LAB TODAY! I'M FRIGHTENED! I'M GOING TO GET PROFESSOR PHELPS--
AT THIS POINT IN LANCE CABOT'S NARRATIVE HIS VOICE HAD BEGUN TO GROW SO SMALL THE CAPTAIN COULD SCARCELY HEAR HIM!
I CAN SCARCELY HEAR YOU! YOU-YOU'RE SHRINKING SO FAST! CAN I CALL A DOCTOR OR---
NO THERE IS NOTHING TO HELP ME 'LET ME GO ON---
I TOLD MY LAB PROFESSOR WHAT WAS HAPPENING AND HIS OWN EYES COULD SEE THE TRUTH. WE WENT BACK TO THE CHEMISTRY LAB---
WE'VE GOT TO FIND YOUR MISTAKE, CABOT! WHAT CHEMICAL YOU SHOULDN'T HAVE ADDED TO THIS FORMULA---
THEY WORKED FOR HOURS, HAUNTED BY THE VISUAL SHRINKAGE OF THE YOUNG MAN!
I'VE GOT IT! I MUST'VE USED THIS BOTTLE NEXT TO THE MANGANESE BOTTLE BY MISTAKE!
TRY A SMALL AMOUNT TO SEE IF THE EFFECT IS SIMILIAR! I'LL PREPARE A TEST PLANT CULTURE!


A TEST WAS MADE! A WAIT OF MINUTES THAT SEEMED LIKE HOURS -- THEN THE MICROSCOPIC EXAMINATION!
THE CHEMICAL REACTION CAUSES THEM TO SHRINK TO NOTHING -- TO INVISIBILITY ---
THE SHRINKAGE BECAME MORE RAPID! SCIENTISTS ALL OVER THE COUNTRY WERE CALLED IN! SOME ARE STILL ON THEIR WAY HERE -- CAN YOU HEAR ME CAPTAIN?
I'LL TURN UP THE AMPLIFIER!
I KNEW NOTHING COULD SAVE ME! ALL THOSE BRILLIANT MEN WILL FIND THE ANSWER, BUT NOT IN TIME! THEN I CAME HERE!
I'VE BEEN THINKING A LOT! I BELIEVE THERE ARE WORLDS WITHIN WORLDS! THAT A MOLECULE HAS A NUCLEUS, A SOLAR SYSTEM LIKE OURS! WHY CAN'T LIFE LIKE OURS EXIST ON AN INFINITELY SMALLER SCALE? EVEN OUR WORLD COULD BE A MOLECULE IN SOME GIANT WORLD BE-YOND OUR KEN-
I BELIEVE I'LL SHRINK OUT OF THIS WORLD TO ONE EVEN SMALLER! BUT SOME DAY I'LL REACH THE IN-FINITE AND STOP SHRINKING AND IN THAT WORLD I'LL STAY AND---
HE'S GONE! SHRUNKEN TO NOTHING-NESS! INTO A SMALLER WORLD? I WONDER?
Lance Cabot
NEVER FOUND
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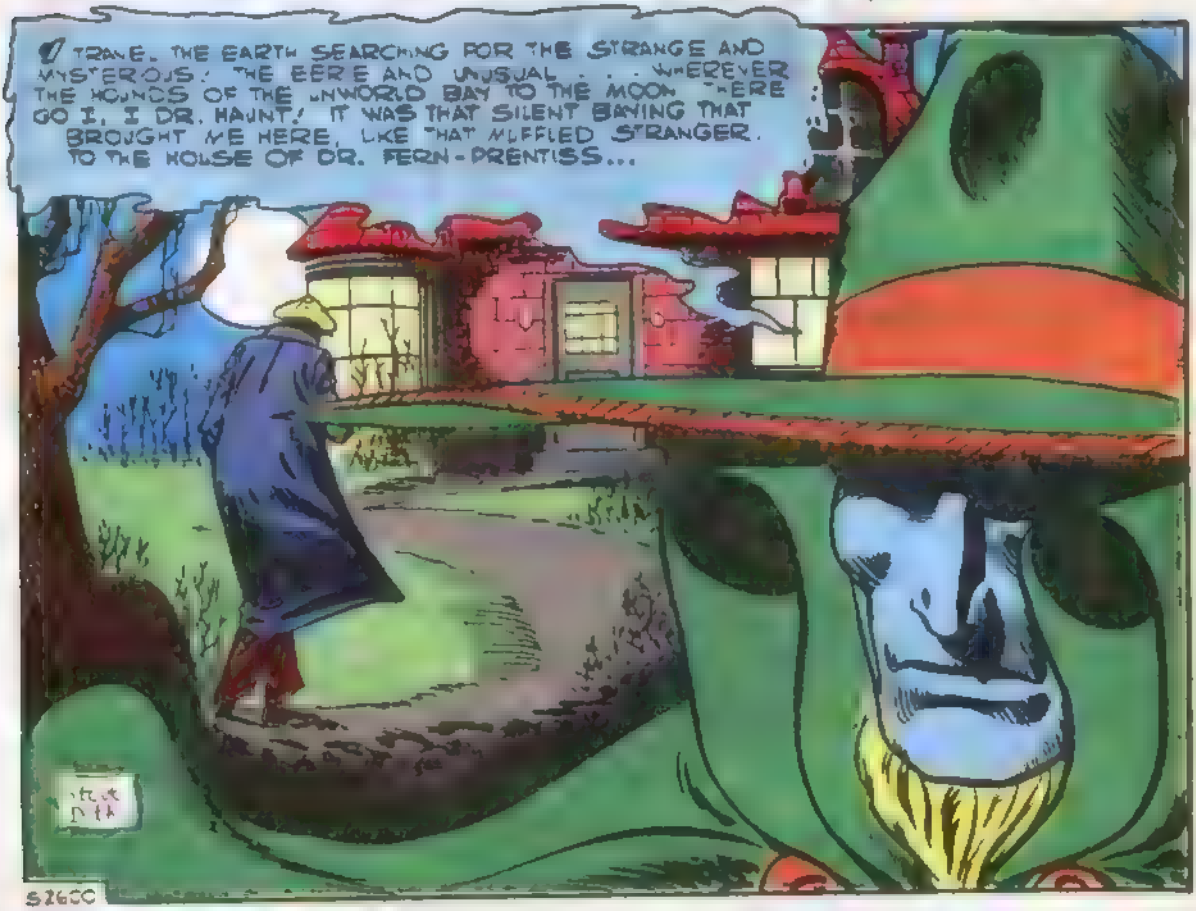
IT ISN'T REALLY--
THE END
--FOR LANCE CABOT, IT'S THE BEGINNING!

The GREEN MAN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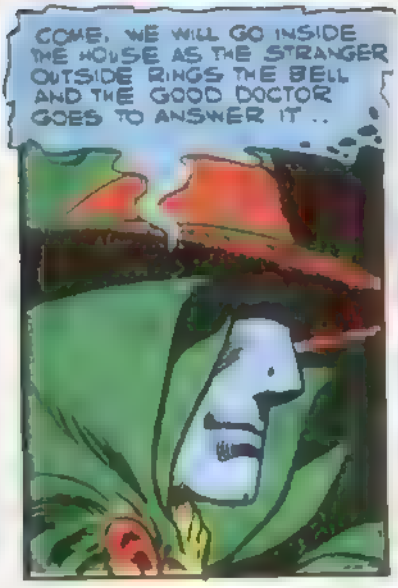

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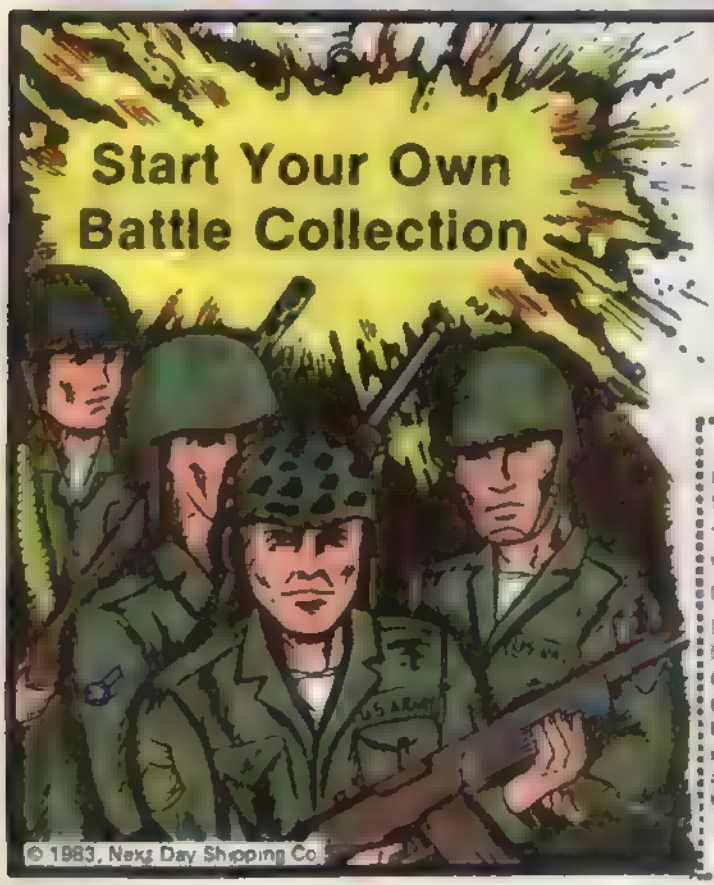

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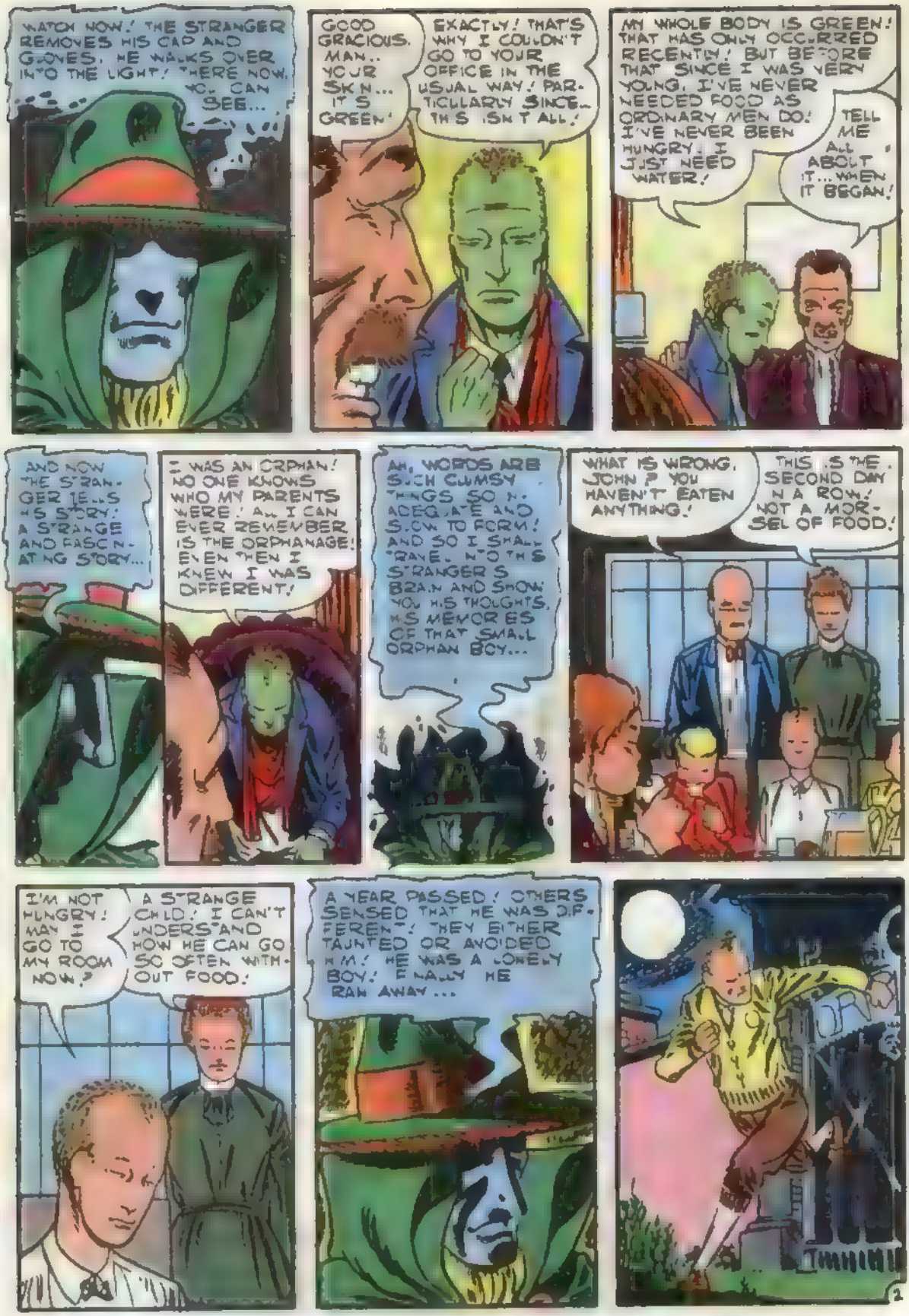
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GOOD GRACIOUS, MAN.. YOUR SKIN... IT'S GREEN!
EXACTLY! THAT'S WHY I COULDN'T GO TO YOUR OFFICE IN THE USUAL WAY! PARTICULARLY SINCE... THIS ISN'T ALL!
MY WHOLE BODY IS GREEN! THAT HAS ONLY OCCURRED RECENTLY! BUT BEFORE THAT SINCE I WAS VERY YOUNG, I'VE NEVER NEEDED FOOD AS ORDINARY MEN DO! I'VE NEVER BEEN HUNGRY. I JUST NEED WATER!
TELL ME ALL ABOUT IT... WHEN IT BEGAN!
AND NOW THE STRANGER TELLS HIS STORY! A STRANGE AND FASCINATING STORY...
I WAS AN ORPHAN! NO ONE KNOWS WHO MY PARENTS WERE! ALL I CAN EVER REMEMBER IS THE ORPHANAGE! EVEN THEN I KNEW I WAS DIFFERENT!
AH, WORDS ARE SUCH CLUMSY THINGS SO INADEQUATE AND SLOW TO FORM! AND SO I SHALL RAVE. INTO THIS STRANGER'S BRAIN AND SHOW YOU HIS THOUGHTS, HIS MEMORIES OF THAT SMALL ORPHAN BOY...
WHAT IS WRONG, JOHN? YOU HAVEN'T EATEN ANYTHING!
THIS IS THE SECOND DAY IN A ROW! NOT A MORSEL OF FOOD!
I'M NOT HUNGRY! MAY I GO TO MY ROOM NOW?
A STRANGE CHILD! I CAN'T UNDERSTAND HOW HE CAN GO SO OFTEN WITHOUT FOOD!
A YEAR PASSED! OTHERS SENSED THAT HE WAS DIFFERENT! THEY EITHER TAUNTED OR AVOIDED HIM! HE WAS A LONELY BOY! FINALLY HE RAN AWAY...
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ROAMING THE COUNTRYSIDE, HE COULD GO FOR DAYS WITHOUT FOOD! AND AS THE YEARS PASSED HE FOUND NEED TO EAT LESS AND LESS FREQUENTLY...
WHY CAN'T I BE LIKE OTHER PEOPLE? HAVE A GIRL, LOOK FORWARD TO MARRIAGE, A FAMILY? BUT I TORTURE MYSELF! I MUST KEEP AWAY FROM PEOPLE, OR THEY WILL KNOW I... I'M A FREAK!
YES, HE WAS A TERRIBLY LONELY MAN! DRIVEN BY DESPAIR AND LONELINESS, HE ROAMED THE WORLD...
I MUST MOVE ON! PEOPLE ARE BEGINNING TO STARE AT ME! THEY SENSE THAT I'M DIFFERENT!
AND THE TRAILS HE TOOK TO FAR OFF PLACES AWAY FROM MAN ECHOED WITH FOOTSTEPS OTHER THAN HIS OWN; WALKING UNSEEN AT HIS SIDE... THE SPECTRE OF FEAR...
IT'S BEEN A YEAR SINCE I'VE TOUCHED A MORSEL OF FOOD, YET I REMAIN STRONG AND HEALTHY! WHAT AM I? FREAK? MONSTER? I'M AFRAID TO KNOW THE ANSWER!
THEN IN THE FAR REACHES OF THE AMAZON WHERE NO WHITE MAN HAD EVER GONE BEFORE...
AH-WHY, THAT'S A WHITE WOMAN!
HELLO, THERE!
HER SKIN... IT'S GREEN!
WAIT! PLEASE, WAIT!
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SHE HAD DISAPPEARED! AND THOUGH HE FOUND NO TRACE OF HER HE COULDN'T GET HER OUT OF HIS MIND...
THAT GREEN SKIN...PROBABLY JUST A TRICK OF THE LIGHT... COMING THROUGH THE FOLIAGE...
MANY HAVE HEARD THE LEGEND OF THE GREEN GODDESS WHO RULES THE UNSEEN TRIBES! IT WAS SHE WE SAW... THE GREEN GODDESS!
BUT ENOUGH OF WHAT'S PAST! LET US RETURN TO THE PRESENT, AND THE HOUSE OF DR. FERN-PRENTISS...
I RETURNED TO ENGLAND, FORGOT ABOUT THE GREEN GIRL UNTIL A MONTH AGO, WHEN, ONE NIGHT, LOOKING IN THE MIRROR, I SAW...I WAS TURNING GREEN...
YOU SHALL STAY HERE! I WILL MAKE TESTS...
A WEEK HAS PASSED SINCE LAST WE SAW THE DOCTOR AND HIS STRANGE, GREEN PATIENT...
ANY ANSWERS YET DOCTOR? AM I MAN OR MONSTER? WHAT WILL MY NEXT CHANGE BE...INTO A WEREWOLF OR SOMETHING AS EERIE?
THE PICTURE IS BEGINNING TO CLARIFY ITSELF! THERE'S NOTHING SUPERNATURAL ABOUT THIS OLD FELLOW! I'LL KNOW FOR SURE TONIGHT!
NIGHT FALLS OVER THE MOORS! FOG RISES LIKE TATTERED SHROUDS OF THE LONG DEAD! THE STRANGER WAITS NERVOUSLY, WANTING TO KNOW, YET AFRAID TO KNOW...
DOCTOR DO YOU...?
YES, I KNOW! CALM YOURSELF! THIS MIGHT BE A BIT HARD TO TAKE!
TELL ME! WHAT AM I?
YOU ARE A MUTATION! AN AUTOTROPHIC MAN! IT IS THE ONLY ANSWER POSSIBLE AND A DEDUCEDLY STRANGE ANSWER! DO YOU KNOW ANYTHING ABOUT PLANT LIFE?
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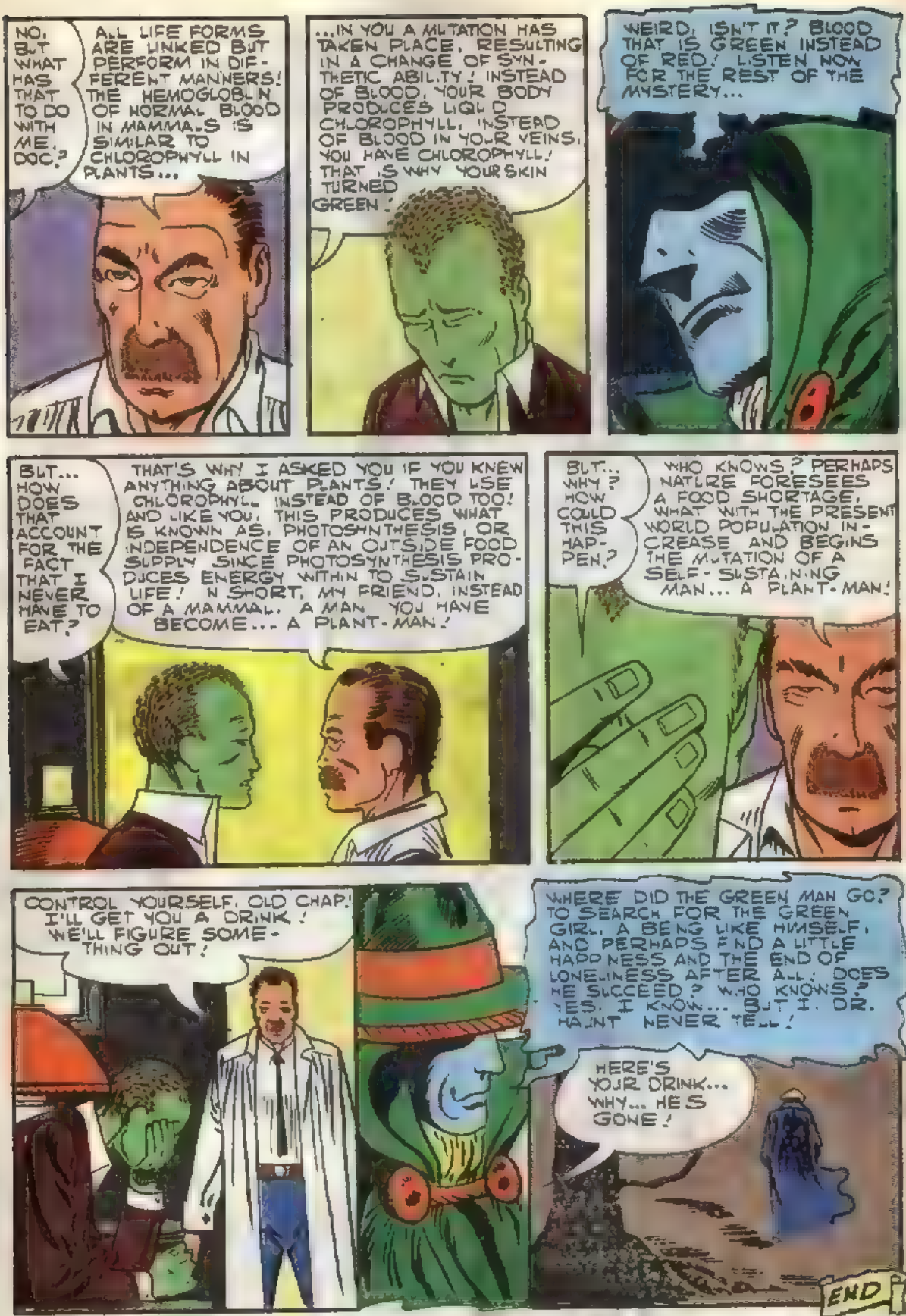
NO, BUT WHAT HAS THAT TO DO WITH ME, DOC.?
ALL LIFE FORMS ARE LINKED BUT PERFORM IN DIFFERENT MANNERS! THE HEMOGLOBIN OF NORMAL BLOOD IN MAMMALS IS SIMILAR TO CHLOROPHYLL IN PLANTS...
...IN YOU A MUTATION HAS TAKEN PLACE, RESULTING IN A CHANGE OF SYNTHETIC ABILITY! INSTEAD OF BLOOD, YOUR BODY PRODUCES LIQUID CHLOROPHYLL. INSTEAD OF BLOOD IN YOUR VEINS, YOU HAVE CHLOROPHYLL! THAT'S WHY YOUR SKIN TURNED GREEN!
WEIRD, ISN'T IT? BLOOD THAT IS GREEN INSTEAD OF RED! LISTEN NOW FOR THE REST OF THE MYSTERY...
BUT... HOW DOES THAT ACCOUNT FOR THE FACT THAT I NEVER HAVE TO EAT?
THAT'S WHY I ASKED YOU IF YOU KNEW ANYTHING ABOUT PLANTS! THEY USE CHLOROPHYLL INSTEAD OF BLOOD TOO! AND LIKE YOU, THIS PRODUCES WHAT IS KNOWN AS, PHOTOSYNTHESIS, OR INDEPENDENCE OF AN OUTSIDE FOOD SUPPLY SINCE PHOTOSYNTHESIS PRODUCES ENERGY WITHIN TO SUSTAIN LIFE! IN SHORT, MY FRIEND, INSTEAD OF A MAMMAL, A MAN, YOU HAVE BECOME... A PLANT-MAN!
BUT... WHY? HOW COULD THIS HAPPEN?
WHO KNOWS? PERHAPS NATURE FORESEES A FOOD SHORTAGE, WHAT WITH THE PRESENT WORLD POPULATION INCREASE AND BEGINS THE MUTATION OF A SELF-SUSTAINING MAN... A PLANT-MAN!
CONTROL YOURSELF, OLD CHAP! I'LL GET YOU A DRINK! WE'LL FIGURE SOMETHING OUT!
WHERE DID THE GREEN MAN GO? TO SEARCH FOR THE GREEN GIRL, A BEING LIKE HIMSELF, AND PERHAPS FIND A LITTLE HAPPINESS AND THE END OF LONELINESS AFTER ALL. DOES HE SUCCEED? WHO KNOWS? YES, I KNOW... BUT I, DR. HAINT NEVER TELL!
HERE'S YOUR DRINK... WHY... HE'S GONE!
END

The THING on the BEACH

THE SURF IS MERCILESS TONIGHT. THE WAVES KEEP POUNCING WITH A THOUSAND-FISTED FURY AT THE NARROW STRETCH OF SHUDDERING ROCK AND SAND. THE SURF ROARS TONIGHT LIKE AN UNCHAINED SAVAGE BEAST... AND ON A NIGHT LIKE THIS, ONLY DR. HAUNT DARES WALK THE RAVAGED BEACH.
ONLY DR. HAUNT SEES THE THING SPEWED UP FROM THE OCEAN'S DEPTH...
GASP!
IT IS DAWN NOW, BUT I DARE NOT MOVE. I MUST STAY TO WATCH THE THING. I MUST BE A WITNESS TO THE UNFOLDING OF ITS EVIL POWERS.
IT HAS THE APPEARANCE OF METAL. BUT IT IS SO MUCH MORE THAN METAL.
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IN ITS PRESENT FORM, IT IS DORMANT! BUT IT HAS THE POWER TO ASSUME HUMAN FORM BY BORROWING SEGMENTS FROM THOSE IT MEETS! AND ONCE ITS MORTAL GUISE IS COMPLETE...
THE THING SHALL SPREAD EVIL OVER THE FACE OF THE EARTH!
A MAN COMES! IF I WERE ONLY EMPOWERED TO WARN HIM! TO TELL HIM TO HURL THE THING BACK INTO THE SEA!
HE IS A BEACHCOMBER! HE BENDS NOW TO PICK UP THE THING...
NOTHING HAS HAPPENED YET! THE THING HAS MUCH EGO! THE BEACHCOMBER IS TOO OLD AND UGLY FOR THE THING TO BORROW FROM...
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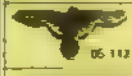

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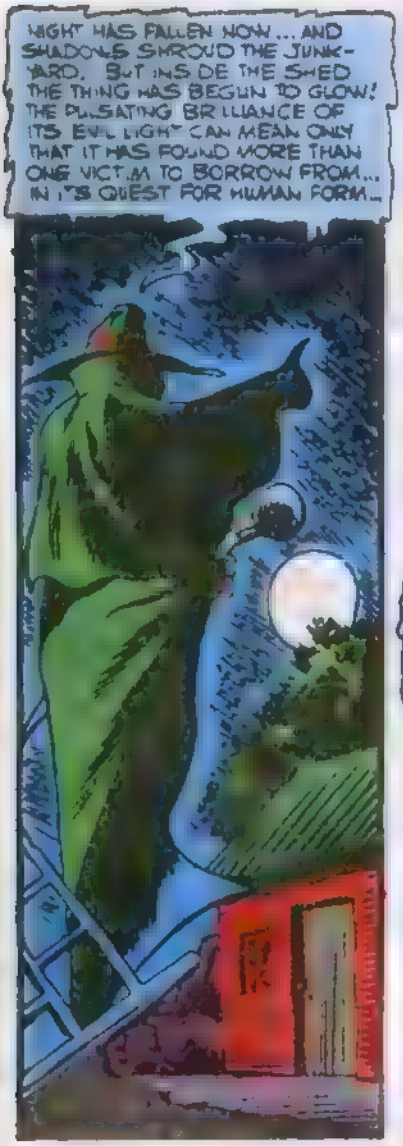
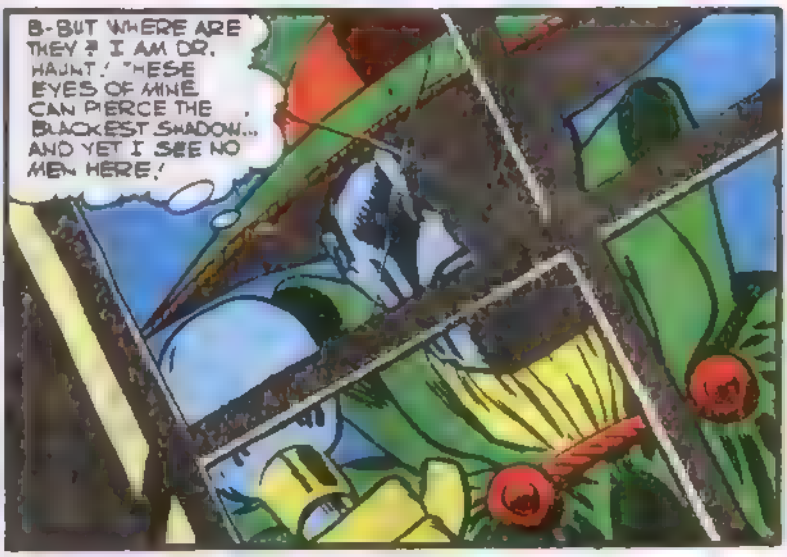
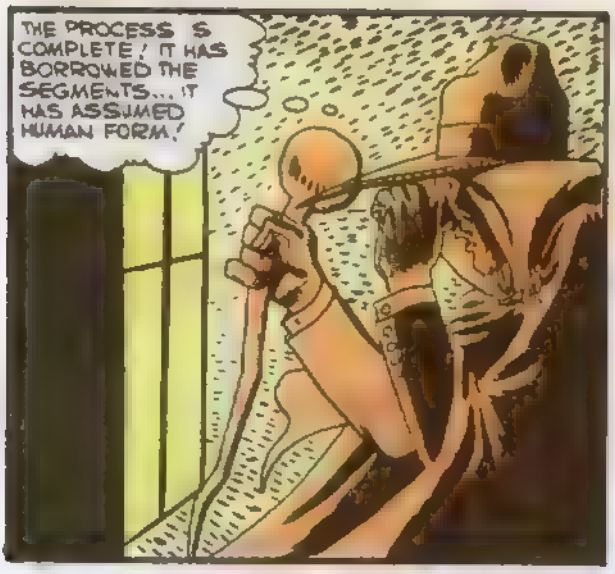

NIGHT HAS FALLEN NOW... AND SHADOWS SHROUD THE JUNKYARD. BUT INSIDE THE SHED THE THING HAS BEGUN TO GLOW! THE PULSATING BRILLIANCE OF ITS EVIL LIGHT CAN MEAN ONLY THAT IT HAS FOUND MORE THAN ONE VICTIM TO BORROW FROM... IN ITS QUEST FOR HUMAN FORM...


B-BUT WHERE ARE THEY? I AM DR. HAUNT! THESE EYES OF MINE CAN PIERCE THE BLACKEST SHADOW... AND YET I SEE NO MEN HERE!

I DO NOT SEE... BUT THE THING SEES! ITS GLOW IS BRIGHTER NOW! ITS EVIL RAYS ARE REACHING OUT LIKE BLAZING TENTACLES...

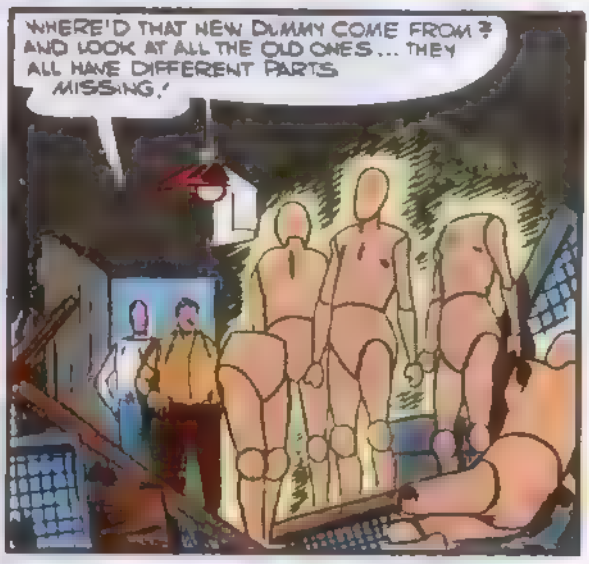
...CLOSER! CLOSER! I SEE THEM NOW! I SEE THOSE WHOM THE THING SHALL BORROW FROM! THEY ARE YOUNG... AND THEY ARE HANDSOME...

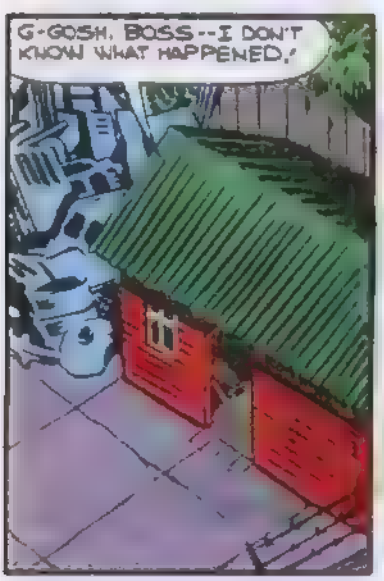

THE PROCESS S COMPLETE! IT HAS BORROWED THE SEGMENTS... IT HAS ASSUMED HUMAN FORM!

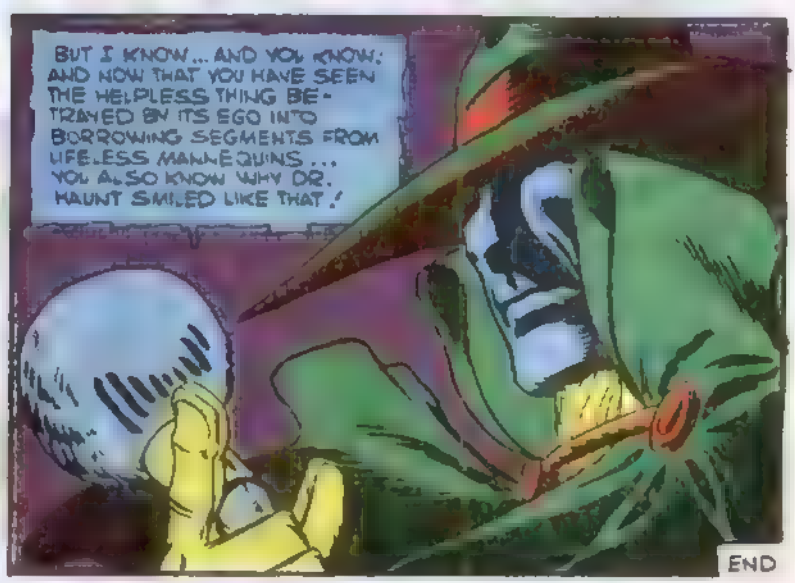
SO WHY DOES DR. HAUNT SMILE NOW? WAIT UNTIL MORNING... AND YOU SHALL SEE WHY...

HEY? WHERE'D THAT COME FROM?

WHAT'S THE MATTER?
TAKE A LOOK...


WHERE'D THAT NEW DUMMY COME FROM? AND LOOK AT ALL THE OLD ONES... THEY ALL HAVE DIFFERENT PARTS MISSING!


G-GOSH, BOSS--I DON'T KNOW WHAT HAPPENED!


BUT I KNOW... AND YOU KNOW: AND NOW THAT YOU HAVE SEEN THE HELPLESS THING BE-TRAYED BY ITS EGO INTO BORROWING SEGMENTS FROM LIFELESS MANNEQUINS... YOU ALSO KNOW WHY DR. HAUNT SMILED LIKE THAT!
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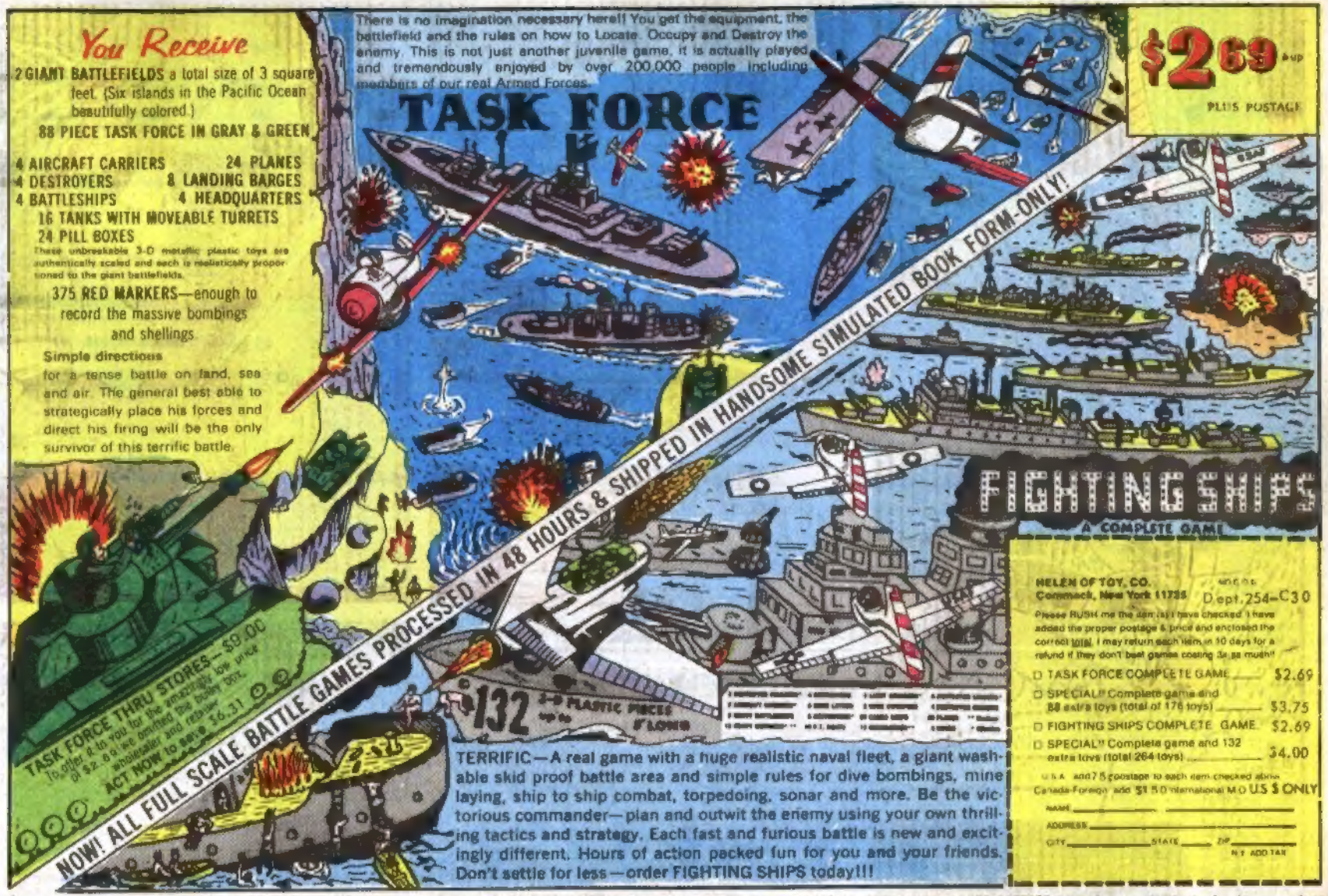
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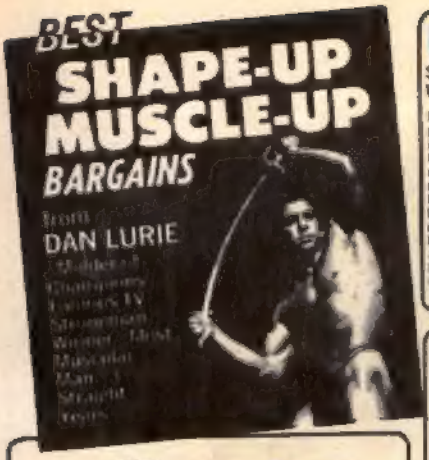

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